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1. TITLE: U.S. COAST GUARD VISITS MELBOURNE. STORY: THE UNITED STATES
COAST GUARD ICEBREAKER BURTON ISLAND (WAGB-283) IS SCHEDULED TO
ARRIVE MELBOURNE LATE FEBRUARY 1976. THE ICEBREAKER, WITH HER CREW OF

198 OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR GRUELLING
TASK OF BREAKING ICE THROUGH TO MCMURDO, ANTARCTICA AND ESCORTING
SUPPLY SHIPS THROUGH TREACHEROUS ICE INFESTED WATERS, AS PAG OF
THE ANTARCTICA PROGRAM "OPERATION DEEP FREEZE." THE MELBOURNE PORT
OF CALL IS PRIMARILY FOR CREW REST AND RECREATION AFTER THEIR 4 MONTH
DEPLOYMENT. ALTHOUGH ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO VISIT SYDNEY, BURTON
ISLAND'S ITINERARY WAS CHANGED TO MELBOURNE AT THE REQUEST OF THE
AMERICAN CONSUL TO COINCIDE WITH THE CITY'S ANNUAL MOOMBA FESTIVAL.

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